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PRESENTATION TO MR. BRACKSTONE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kowloon, May 5.
An interesting function took place here this afternoon. Kowloon, though a small place, can boast of one of the best conducted Customs Clubs in China, as many a West River traveller can testify. Its honorary secretary, Mr. H. F. Brackstone, is now about to take up his duties on transfer to Nanking after being stationed here for over three and a half years. The occasion of his departure causes much regret amongst those of the Customs staff who have been brought in contact with him both socially and in the course of business. His untiring energy and ever courteous manner have brought their own reward in the shape of a prettily illuminated address enclosed in a tastefully embossed silver case, the work of the well known firm of Wang Hing, of Hongkong. During the presentation, which was made in the club, the Commissioner of Customs, Mr. J. V. Laureiro, is an appropriate speech, made this most of the occasion, and the usual honours being done, three cheers and a "tiger" left no doubt as to Mr. Brackstone's popularity. The customs gig pulled by the European staff left the jetties amidst the booming of fire crackers, and many good wishes were expressed as she bade away for the s.s. Hui Tung, under the command of Captain A. C. Broadbridge, bound for Hongkong. Mr. Brackstone is a native of Exnington, Hampshire.

DETECTIVE: RAID H. M. S. GRAFTON.

All day long on 1st April detectives of Portsmouth were busy investigating new clues to the mystery of the disappearance of £2,700 pay money of H. M. S. "Dreadnought" from the cruiser "Indomitable".

The trail was in the first case picked up at Portsmouth by Detective-Inspector Matthews and Detective-sergeant Shepherd, of the borough force, but now Scotland Yard has come upon the scene with Chief Insp. Collins directing inquiries. The detectives have been at Whale Island gunnery school, at Portsmouth, conducting investigations, which are of a very delicate nature. Two suspects, both unmarried, have been detained—one a second class petty officer, the other a leading seaman.

A clue to the suspects transpired at Portsmouth through a person endeavouring to cash one of £500 worth of notes missing from the ship's safe. As the result of their inquiries the local detectives caused a man on Whale Island to be placed under detention and wanted another.

The latter was ascertained to be on board H.M.S. Grafton, tender to the gunnery school which was then carrying out firing operations off Se. Coy. Detectives were taken out to the Grafton on a destroyer, and they brought the suspect back to Whale Island with them. A search of the two men resulted in the discovery of some bank notes and some gold. This, however, was not in itself suspicious. The total was not large, and might well have been accumulated by saving.

But at Whale Island a startling find was made of a complete burglar's outfit, including a small revolver and a number of skeleton keys. It is believed, however, on the island that the rifled safe was opened by means of a duplicate key, and the paymaster's office entered and left through the window, the plunder being deposited in a boat in waiting, which got away to Chatham under cover of a fog. Action, it is expected, will be taken by the Admiralty, upon the report of Scotland Yard, under the Naval Discipline Act, and will be by court-martial. The police investigations are very involved, as the evidence is purely circumstantial, and will not be completed for some time. Very few of the notes and some of the money has been recovered, and further arrests are possible.

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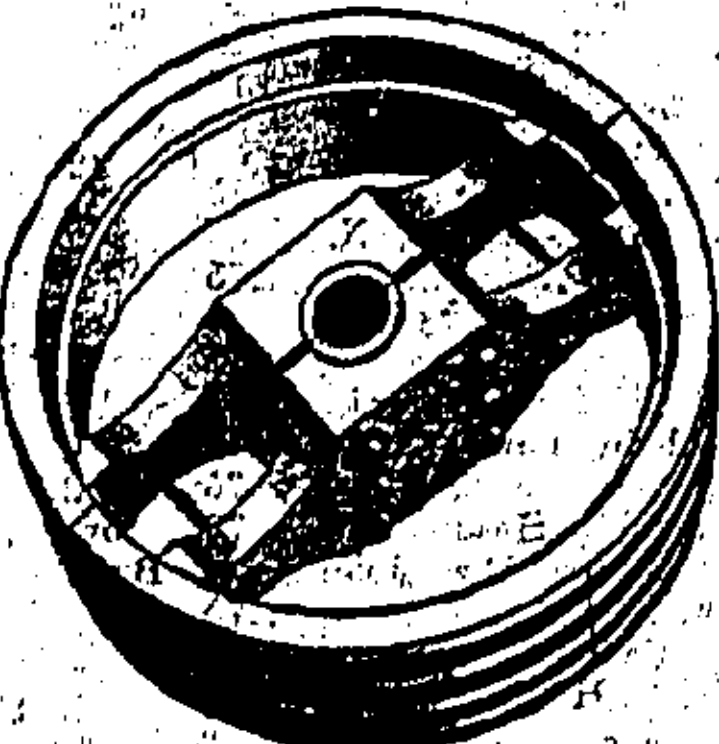
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, April 7.

The bright spot in the whole business is

the splendid way the Colonies have extended

the hand to the Mother Country. Canada

has been criticised by some leading men in

the Dominion but it will yet be seen that

Canada will speedily set to work to provide

aeroplane, submarine and torpedo boats,

while other colonies are busy with Dread-

noughts. That at any rate is the assurance

I have received from well informed sources

in Ottawa within the last few days. There

have been for some time most successful

airship experiments in Nova Scotia under

the auspices of the Aerial Experiments

Association and it is likely that the Cana-

dian appropriations, to be agreed upon

shortly by the Dominion House of Com-

mons, will include a subsidy for these

experiments.

Writing of airships reminds me that the

Aeronautical Exhibition here has been a

great success and it even produced a sort

of excitement among the most sceptical

visitors. Some of us went there hot in

the belief that all this mastery of the air

was still a dream, only to be impressed

with the conviction that there was reality

in it. The whirling of the great Voisin

machines, the simplicity of them all—not

to speak of the frank models which may or

may not have good points—brought conviction

to the mind.

It produced good business also I am

told. Messrs Short, of Battersea, who are

erecting factories on the Aero Club's

grounds in the north of London, will man-

ufacture six aeroplanes for the American

brothers Wright and five other inventors

have also placed orders with them.

Captain Wyndham, a King's messenger,

has sold a machine for £200 and at least a

dozen other machines were ordered at

prices up to £2,000, to a guarantee as to

the flying capabilities of the inventions

and the instruction in navigation that will

make the purchase useful to the buyers.

We are to have long trials in the summer,

with some of the best aeroplanes of the

world among us, so that the air domination

problem will be well before us for a long

time to come.

Writing of Canada, too, reminds me that

the Dominion Government is considering

the extensive improvement of the harbour

at Vancouver to cope with the growing im-

portance of the sea-going traffic there.

Several millions have been spent on the

St. Lawrence ports and in view of the

development of the Alberta grain areas

and the facilities for making Vancouver

the great grain port of the Pacific

the local authorities think it is time the

Dominion Government gave them a help-

ing hand. As a matter of fact Vancouver

is second in tonnage only to Montreal,

while in the number of sea going vessels

clearing, of all sizes, Vancouver can beat

Montreal's statistics by two to one. The

matter may not be without its importance

to Hongkong in view of the development

of the grain route eastward, so as to main-

tain a steady supply of grain on our

Western markets.

We had a bad scare here, quite apart

from the Navy, on Friday. The King is

of course, taking a health vacation at

Biarritz, which is unreasonably far away

from ready communication in case of

urgent need. The Spanish correspondent

of an important German paper telegraphed

that his Majesty had a paralytic stroke.

Down went stocks on both sides of the

Atlantic till official messages, coupled with

independent reports of how the King was

out and about as usual stifled the agitation.

But it was a bad time till we knew.

In reality his Majesty was at that time

enjoying himself in watching the game of

polo played by the best experts in that

region, and his high spirits showed that his

holiday had done him a great deal of good.

He was listless when he went away but the

doctors have induced him to walk more

and that exercise, to which he is not

personally attached, always does him lots

of good.

Since I wrote you of Mr Winston Church-

ill's announced determination to make

things harder for the fraudulent signing of

Chinese crows under evasions of the

language test, one would have supposed the

Chinese colonies of London and Cardiff

would have dwindled. I am assured that

this has been by no means the case. There

was a temporary slump in signing

on Chinese but all that has gone,

for "Hongkong" Chinese have been

improving their knowledge of the En-

glish language rapidly. True, it is no

longer easy for one Chinaman knowing

English to get others signed on who do

not, but the twenty Chinese boarding-

house keepers in Limehouse have too pre-

ciable a business to let it run on its own

so they have a language teacher down to their

boarders at two shillings an hour per man

and lots of them have picked up enough

English to get through.

But very soon Mr Churchill is to enforce

regulations that will put Oriental origi-

nality to severe tests. It will, it is ex-

pected, put a stop to the glib assertions that

the seamen come from Hongkong or Singa-

pore, for certificates will be demanded

showing the place of origin, and bearing

the signature of the owner but his thumb

print and a detailed description of his

peculiarities. If he cannot speak

English and satisfy the authorities with

these documents he will lack a job in ports

in Great Britain.

And as to Mr Churchill himself there is

a little flutter in circles that discuss such

matters over the seas. He has, it is

said, been greatly improved by marriage

and has made the most devoted of husbands.

Moreover, he expects, by the end of the

London season to be a proud father. His

wife has laboured long and hard. Lady

Blanche Howard, perfect manner and fer-

vorous, and charming, have won all, even those

whose envy of her capture of the much-

sought-after "eligible" led them at first

to say "splendid things" of a girl who had

never figured much in the prominent social

set.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL

MEETING of the Society will be held at

its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings,

Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the

21st May, 1909, at 12.30 P.M. for the pur-

pose of confirming the following Special

Resolution, which was duly passed at an

Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held

on the 21st April, 1909:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of

Association of the Society be respec-

tively extended, altered and amended

so as to read as shown in the print

signed for the purpose of the Meeting

and that such extended, altered and

amended Memorandum and Articles of

Association be henceforth adopted as

the Memorandum and Articles of As-

sociation of the Society to the exclu-

sion of those heretofore pre-

vailing.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1909.

FINANCING YUNNAN.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
The Board of Finance has approved of the suggestion that the three million taels asked for to develop the resources of Yunnan be paid in five instalments.

CHINESE SHORTHAND SCHOOL.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
A shorthand system has been submitted by the Department of Education to the Throne. It is proposed that the Provincial Governments establish twelve shorthand classes in large districts, eight classes in middle-sized districts, and six in each small district. All this is in preparation for the coming Constitution.

CHINA TO RETURN THANKS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
It is proposed that China should send an Envoy to the various Governments who sent representatives to the funeral of the late Emperor, to return thanks for courtesy shown.

PRINCE ITQ'S SUGGESTION.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
Prince Ito, in the course of a letter to the Board of Foreign Affairs, suggests that China should adopt a constitution similar to those of Germany and Austria.

MINERAL WEALTH OF FENGTING.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
The Viceroy of Manchuria reports that over 240 places in the Province of Fengting are rich in minerals and he suggests that the Chinese miners in the Straits Settlements be invited to come up north to exploit them.

PRINCE FUSHIMI HONOURED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, May 5.
At a dinner given by the Board of Foreign Affairs to the Foreign Envoys, H.I.H. Prince Fushimi occupied the seat of honour.

BANDMANN DRAMATIC COMPANY.

In the presence of a limited audience, the Bandmann Dramatic Company last night gave a repeat performance of the play "The Worst Woman in London." This well-known drama was very powerfully presented, and the chief characters covered themselves with glory for their clever work. Miss Florence Dalton carried off premier honours, while successes were also secured by Mr. Henry Dallas, Mr. W. H. Riley, Mr. Harwood Roberts, Miss Lillian Lloyd, and Miss Minnie Rayner.

To-night the company will present the dramatized version of the "Sign of the Cross," Wilson Barrett's masterpiece.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT EAST POINT.

A Chinaman attempted to commit suicide at East Point about 7 a.m. this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He was immediately conveyed to hospital where he lies in a somewhat serious condition.

ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAPE.

Large audiences attend the Alexandra Cinematograph every evening where the pictures are exceedingly good and are frequently changed. Miss Ray delights those present by her singing and dancing while Miss Rosa Barnes is very pleasing.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:
On the 6th at 12.20 p.m.—The barometer has risen moderately over E. Japan and N. China, and fallen slightly over W. Japan and S. China.

A shallow depression is situated over W. Japan, and a low pressure trough lies to the North of the S. coast of China.

Pressure is high to the N.E. of Japan, and relatively so over N.W. China.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh S.W. and variable winds along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 8.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:
1.—Hongkong and neighbourhood: S.W. and variable winds, fresh; squally, probably some thunder showers.
2.—S. coast of China: N.E. winds, fresh.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING.

Below will be found the results of the later races run yesterday, for which we are indebted to the secretary of the Hongkong Club. Yet another record has been made. Gemini, in the Champions, beat Morik's record of 2.34 for a mile and a quarter, made last year, by a fifth.

Mr. Toog and Speelman's Sprint Cup. (Hayes) 1
Mr. Toog and Speelman's Sprint Cup. (Hayes) 2
Mr. Saxo-Borussia's Sagittarius. (Moller) 3

Time, 3m. 44.4/5 sec.
For China Ponies, bona fide Griffs at date of entry, that have run and not won a Race. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dick Turpin's Vengeance. (Springfield) 1
Mr. R. McGregory's Platypus (Cumming) 2
Mr. R. McGregory's Platypus (Cumming) 3

Time, 2m. 38.4/5 sec.
The Champions Sprint. Value, Tls. 250.
For China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. One mile and a quarter.

Measura Morris and Ayacough's Med. field. (Moller) 1
Mr. Owen's Ravenshoe. (Wellington) 2
Mr. Owen's Ravenshoe. (Wellington) 3

Time, 2m. 37.4/5 sec.
The Champions Sprint. Value, Tls. 250.
For China Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Durrer's Gemini. (Moller) 1
Mr. Durrer's Gemini. (Moller) 2
Mr. Durrer's Gemini. (Moller) 3

Time, 2m. 33.4/5 sec.
The Champions Sprint. Value, Tls. 250.
For China Ponies that have run and not won a Race. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Thimble's Giliak. (Lanning) 1
Mr. Thimble's Giliak. (Lanning) 2
Mr. Thimble's Giliak. (Lanning) 3

Time, 1m. 48.3/5 sec.
The analysis of the racing is as follows:—

OWERS.

1st. 2nd. 3rd.

Toog and Speelman. 4 2 4
Buxey. 3 1 1
Wingard. 3 1 1
Barley. 2 1 1
Beverly. 2 1 1
Noogi. 2 1 1
John Peel. 1 2 2
Saxo-Borussia. 1 2 2
Dick Turpin. 1 2 2
Durrer. 1 1 1
Fash. 1 1 1
Prio. 1 1 1
Hasty. 1 1 1
Macwatt. 1 1 1
Morris Ayacough. 1 1 1
Argentine. 1 1 1
Thimble. 1 1 1
Jedmor. 3 (D.H.) 1
Oswald. 2 (D.H.) 2
Fenn. 1 1 1
Hays. 1 1 1
Kamel. 1 1 1
McGregory. 1 1 1
Bliss. 1 1 1
Hickling. 1 1 1
Paignon. 1 1 1
Mushin. 1 1 1
Ladslaw. 1 1 1
California. 1 1 1
Jerome. 1 1 1
Marius. 1 1 1
Marshall. 1 1 1
Wavney. 1 1 1

FORNERS.

1st. 2nd. 3rd.

Gemini. 3 1 1
Celia Rose. 2 1 1
Fabulus. 2 1 1
Morik. 2 1 1
Wye. 2 1 1
Brookton. 1 1 1
Machin. 1 1 1
Rusley. 1 1 1
Medfield. 1 1 1
Worcester. 1 1 1
Kirkcubright. 1 1 1
Yeoman. 1 1 1
Reve d'Or Rose. 1 1 1
Vengeance. 1 1 1
Hurry Up. 1 1 1
Pegasus. 1 1 1
Giliak. 1 1 1
Scholar. 1 1 1
Ravenhoe. 2 (D.H.) 2
Sokol. 2 (D.H.) 1
Sagittarius. 2 1 1
Vanguard. 2 1 1
Whitewoss. 1 1 1
Maculb. 1 1 1
Moultup. 1 1 1
Dobbequick. 1 1 1
Seafarer. 1 1 1
Ving-et-un. 1 1 1
Platypus. 1 1 1
Homestead. 1 1 1
Orel. 1 1 1
Kirkwood. 1 1 1
Orcas. 1 1 1
Pieman. 1 1 1
Spre. 1 1 1
Mars. 1 1 1
Susquehanna. 1 1 1
Brumby. 1 1 1
Sirius. 1 1 1
Secto. 1 1 1
Pistol. 1 1 1
King Cole. 1 1 1
Whitnair. 1 1 1
Argant. 1 1 1
Palm Tree. 1 1 1
Angus. 1 1 1
Marsel. 1 1 1
Sutcliffe. 1 1 1
Londstone. 1 1 1

JOCKEYS.

1st. 2nd. 3rd.

Moller. 10 3 2
Vida. 5 4 2
Poulson. 5 3 3
Hayes. 5 1 4
Lanning. 2 1 3
Alerton. 1 1 3
Cumming. 1 1 3
Springfield. 1 1 2
Jones. 1 1 2
Campbell. 1 1 2
King. 1 1 2
Willeumier. 2 (D.H.) 3
Scholar. 1 1 1
Sparks. 1 1 1
Rowe. 1 1 1
Ridell. 1 1 1
Lindsay. 1 1 1
Linton. 1 1 1
Dejane. 1 1 1
Jewers. 1 1 1

The Records made were:
Three-quarters, Worcester, 1m. 37.4/5 sec.
Seven furlongs, Fabulus, 1m. 45.4/5 sec.
Seven furlongs, Brookton, 1m. 45.4/5 sec.
One mile and a quarter, Gemini, 2m. 33.4/5 sec.
One mile and a half, Wye, 3m. 44.4/5 sec.

MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MACAO, May 5.

Mass-meetings appear to have been the prevailing order-of-the-day during the week past. While duty was summoning the Macaoese to rally in common cause for united protest against the tantalizing attitude of Lisbon, circulars were flying broadcast over the Colony urging on the natives of the Houghan province to assemble at the nearby village of Pakan, cost them what it may, on Thursday, the 9th ult. at 1 p.m. when matters of grave import were to be mooted by the Sub-Commission of the Canton Boundary Protection Association. Thus, by a gruesome reciprocity, the incoherence of the Home Government has at last brought a hornets' nest about their own ears and they now stand to fall between two stools.

The stolid development of the anti-Portuguese disaffection engendered by a handful of half-bred recruits in the political field and nurtured by individuals on the upper rungs who ought to know better, is now merging from its fairy tale outlines into a veritable menace cheek by jowl with the growing discontent. The hostile faculty of the malcontents is now giving unrestrained flow to the most startling barricades, such as the discharge of a hundred lepers from the Retreat on the adjoining island, who have been dispatched by the local authorities in bands of from 3 to 5 to scare the population of the outlying villages who are alleged to be panic-stricken.

The monster mass meeting at Pakan which duly came off on Thursday last, was but an echo of the hue and cry already raised at Canton and elsewhere against the so-called attempts made by the Portuguese to encroach on Chinese territory. And all through the steadily increasing hubbub deep-rooted race prejudice and animosity are daily more discernible as underlying all the bitterness that has been created and unpropitiously fostered by the agitators who have deemed no diplomacy too low in their endeavour to oust the Portuguese from their only vantage point in China. At 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Hall of the Seal Senado da Camara saw a goodly gathering of Portuguese subjects who were met to consider what measures could best be adopted to bring the Home Government to a true sense of the actual state of Macao. Dr. Luis Nolasco presided and among the 200 residents present were several of the leading Chinese merchants. Mr. Pedro Nolasco da Silva spoke at length on the pressing needs of the Colony and gave a rapid sketch of the past history of Macao and the causes of its present decline. He was followed by Dr. Silva Mendes and Mr. Sio Tang, who forcibly upheld his views, laying particular stress on the urgent advisability of requesting for our Governor full discretionary powers to follow up his comprehensive scheme of reforms. It was finally resolved that the following wire be despatched to the Home Government as soon as the required amount is raised to defray cost of same, requesting:

1. The immediate departure of the De-Limitation Commissioner.

2. To fully empower the Governor to remodel local administration, with instant effect.

3. Bring to a head the Canton-Macao Railway negotiations.

4. The ratification of the Luso-Chinese treaty of 1894.

5. To initiate forthwith the harbour works.

It was with grateful feeling that we perused an article on Macao, in the *Wah Te Yat Po* of the 30th ult. "Unanimous approval greeted the impartial views of the writer, which were enhanced by a most praiseworthy endeavour to impart various sound hints, which, if taken up, will no doubt tend to arrest the downhill run of affairs in the Colony.

An outcry is being raised against the report that the Directors of the Chinese Hospital, Haag Hu, propose erecting a plague hospital on the plot of ground close to the junction of the roads that lead here from the Green Island and the Barrier Gate. Plague is not prevalent in Macao and sporadic cases, even and soon do not justify the call for a structure of the kind, least of all in a locality adjoining the Summer resort *par excellence* of tourists and residents alike.

BRITISH WEIGHTS IN THE FAR EAST.

The Committee of the British Weights and Measures Association, having charge of the question of weights and measures reform as affecting the Far East, held a meeting in Manchester on 15th March when amongst those present were Messrs C. H. Dorman (Mitsui and Co., London), T. A. Holland (Holland and Moss, Co.), Kaopff (E. D. Sassoon and Co.), G. H. Mapleton (Louis Behrens and Sons), and G. S. Osborne (Lyon, Loed and Co.) Mr. Roberts of the Cotton Manufacturers Association, presided, as a member of the Committee of Control of the Association. The specific business of the meeting was to decide how best to secure the formal adoption of British standards, or standards commensurable with and easily convertible into British standards, by the Governments of India, China, Japan, and other countries in the Far East.

It was decided as a first step to set on foot a recommendation made by Sir Robert Hart, and present copies of the British standards authorities, and to acquaint the authorities of the various countries mentioned with the reasons why British standards are more suitable for practical purposes than the standards based on the metric.

LONDON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, April 10.

There was an interesting meeting of the China Society at the Carlton Hall on Thursday evening when Mr. Percy Ashley of the Board of Trade presided over a fair attendance of members and friends.

A paper had been prepared by Mr. S. Y. Hsu, who is attached to the staff of His Excellency Wang Ts Shieh, the Chinese special Commissioner on the constitutions of Europe. It concerned "Economic ideas in Old China," but as the writer had to accompany Wang Ts Shieh to Brussels last week he could not appear in person. The paper was read by Mr. Lionel Giles.

The paper carried Chinese economic thoughts up to 358 B.C., since when it was declared there had been no teachers of political economy. A beginning was made with Kwang-yi-wu who wrote a book called *Kwanfu* which was on political economy or the science of national wealth. He was Prime Minister for Chi Ruan Kung, king of the Chi state, 650 B.C. His theory of political economy was based on the principle that the wealth of the nation was dependent on both the agricultural and industrial population. He divided the state into twenty-five divisions according to the different occupations of the people. Six of the divisions were for merchants and manufacturers and the remaining fifteen divisions for students and agriculturists.

He felt the necessity for the agricultural and manufacturing population to work together, the necessity for the nation to keep a supply of foodstuffs for emergencies of war and to cut the enemies' supplies if possible. Commercial crises he found more often brought about by manufacturers than by agriculturists. In regard to international trade he was a Free Trader. Though Confucius was not a political economist he was a great thinker and some of his teachings bore on economics. He wrote "the ruler should not fear poverty but the inequality of wealth."

Mentzu was another writer on economic thought. He advocated a tax on traders to prevent the formation of trusts, and a second tax, a personal tax, somewhat on the lines of the modern income tax, not designed for revenue purposes but as a tax on the persistent holiday maker. Such a tax on idleness he held to be in the interest of public morality.

The Chinese scholars who followed these men failed to follow their example and did not produce anything of real importance. The paper concluded "It is true that China to-day has no political economy but it is not true of the old China."

Mr. Ivan Chen added some personal remarks as to the career of Kwang-yi-wu and said he "learned his economic wisdom through bankruptcy, for he was three times bankrupt."

Mr. George Jamieson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the writer of the paper and to Mr. Giles commented on the excellent papers Chinese members of the Society had contributed. He would like one or two of them, however, to give them lectures on modern subjects instead of always delving into the antiquity.

The Chairman, in adding some remarks on the history of economics, said all who considered the question of modern economics realised the complexity of the problems involved and refrained from drawing conclusions too hastily. During the last half century the German economic policy had very definitely set before the nation the ideal of the maintenance of agriculture in the state. There had been two parties, one for the agriculturists and one setting up the importance of industry even at the expense of agriculture. The maintenance of the alliance between agriculture and industry, the harmony of the productive forces of the nation, the whole ideal of the self-contained state—all these things Chinese philosophy was teaching 2,500 years ago. And yet to-day it was being taught in the West as a new creed, for a new condition of things by a number of German economists.

Your old Governor, Sir Henry Blake, who with Lady Blake has been for the past two or three months in the West Indies, has returned to town looking very "fit." For the season he will be located at Queen Anne's Mansions, S. W.

I hear that towards the end of May you will have Mr. Fairbanks, the ex-Vice-President of the United States with you. He sails in a month's time from San Francisco and will touch at Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia, Africa and possibly Europe, during a year's trip. His name has been mentioned as that of the next American Ambassador in London, so it looks as though Mr. Whitlaw Reid, the present Minister, will be still in office, as he wishes, when Mr. Roosevelt emerges from the jungle to receive the welcome of London. Dr. Eliot, the ex-principal of Harvard University, has been offered the position but though it is not yet finally decided it is probable he will definitely decline on the score of age.

A son has been born at Green Park House, Piccadilly, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bellios. Mr. Bellios is working hard in his constituency in the South of London and hopes with the turn of the tide to Conservative principles he will become an M.P. The odds are on him, too.

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INFLUENZA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons recently Mr. Pirie asked the First Commissioner of Works if he was aware that over 40 members of the House were at present laid up with influenza, and that the majority of them attributed their illness to the bad ventilation of the House; and if he would, therefore, consider the desirability of adopting a more natural system of ventilation than existed at present.

Mr. Harcourt—I much regret the melancholy state of affairs conveyed in the hon. member's questions but I am sorry to find that the proportion of 6 per cent. of influenza is not uncommon in other buildings and professions which are subject to the most natural systems of ventilation.

Mr. Verney asked whether it was not the fact that the Committee of 1903 considered the present system of ventilation very objectionable and pressed for an immediate experimental inquiry, and whether such an inquiry had been held.

Mr. Harcourt—Yes, Sir, the inquiry has been held. They made a large number of recommendations, all of which have been carried out.

Mr. Rees—Is there any objection to trying the fresh-air system?

Mr. Harcourt—At rare intervals I have, and have withdrawn it again under protest from the majority of hon. members.

A POPULAR AMERICAN REMEDY.

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